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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Attorney Docket No: Q54188

Marco PIVA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/320,643

Group Art Unit: 2876

Confirmation No.: 5053

Examiner: D. Lee

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For: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR READING AN OPTICAL CODE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 6, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the amended claims as follows:

36. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for reading optical codes placed at variable distances, comprising:

- a casing;
- a reading window open into the casing;
- an illuminating means (3), housed within the casing, and arranged to act on an optical code to be read through the reading window;
- a detection means (4), housed within the casing and responsive to light scattered from the illuminated optical code into the casing through the reading window, wherein the

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